Axecutive Proclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The Roseni Lutheran Church, located south of Beresford and founded in 1872, was organized as a result of informal feilowship meetings being held in homes as early as 1869; and,

WHEREAS, Roseni Lutheran, named after the Swedish theologian, C. O. Rosenius, held its first meeting in the Anfin Utheim home; and,

WHEREAS, A member of the Hauge Synod, Roseni Lutheran built its first church in 1876 and was served in those early days by The Reverend G. O. Graven; and,

WHEREAS, The Reverend Graven, a powerful and persuasive man of God, set a precedent with his poignant performance from the pulpit; as a devoted and knowledgeable preacher, he inspired the hearts of his parishioners as well as future ministers with his recitations from the Good Book; and,

WHEREAS, Roseni Lutheran Church was founded by Norwegian immigrants 110 years ago to fulfill the needs of the community; and,

WHEREAS, This fall, the Roseni Lutheran Church will be celebrating 110 years of service to the people of this area:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Takota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 26, 1982, as

RUSENI LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY

in South Dakota, and I hope that for the Roseni Lutheran Church, the faith and works of the past may be an inspiration for the challenges of the future.



ATTEST:

ALICE RUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

DY: Gray O Voge, Doger

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of September, in the Year of Our Lend, Mineteen Hundred and Eighty-Twe

MILLIAM J. JANUCOL, POVERNOR